

## **Message to Families and Students (to students through schools)**

### **Subject: Donald A. Wilson SS Boundary Changes**

**Distribution:** Families/students of Donald A. Wilson SS, Anderson CVI, Sinclair SS, John Dryden PS, Julie Payette PS, Robert Munsch PS, Ormiston PS

**Date:** April 20, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The DDSB Board of Trustees received a report last night with staff recommended changes for Donald A. Wilson SS's Regular Program and French Immersion boundary areas that will take effect in September 2022. [Click here](#) to review the final report outlining the recommendation from staff, which has now been approved by the Board of Trustees.

The approved boundary changes will result in the establishment of a new French Immersion program at Anderson CVI, starting with Grade 9 and 10 course offerings, a redistribution of some current Grade 9 students attending Donald A. Wilson and a redistribution of some Grade 8 students from associated feeder schools.

#### Regular Program Boundary Change and Redistribution of Students

Current Donald A. Wilson Grade 9 Students and Grade 8 students in the Regular Program who reside in the Robert Munsch PS and Ormiston PS (holding) boundaries will attend Sinclair SS beginning in September 2022. [Click here](#) to see the updated Regular Program Boundary map for Donald A. Wilson SS and Sinclair SS.

#### French Immersion Boundary Changes and Redistribution of Students

Current Donald A. Wilson Grade 9 students and Grade 8 students in the French Immersion Program who reside in the Julie Payette PS and John Dryden PS boundaries will attend Anderson CVI beginning in September 2022. [Click here](#) to see the updated French Immersion Boundary map for Donald A. Wilson SS and Anderson CVI.

Over a 6-year projection period, the revised French Immersion and Regular Program boundaries will alleviate increased enrolment pressure in Whitby communities, ensure sustainable management of growing populations and will result in stabilized enrolment at Donald A. Wilson within the available building capacity.

Principals from Robert Munsch PS, Ormiston PS, Julie Payette PS, John Dryden PS, Sinclair SS, Anderson CVI and Donald A Wilson SS will work together to ensure student and parent/guardian concerns are addressed.

The DDSB will provide supports for the mental health and well-being of students and their caregivers who may be affected by these changes. An outline to students and parents/guardians on the expansion of the new FI program at Anderson CVI will be provided and students will receive assistance with course selection at the appropriate school.

Over the coming months staff at Donald A Wilson SS and Anderson CVI will collaborate to develop an FI program that benefits the grade 9 and 10 students at the new Anderson CVI FI program while ensuring

benefits and opportunities are available to both programs. An inventory will be completed to ensure that necessary resources are appropriately transferred to the new FI program.

More information on the transition process will be shared with families and students as it becomes available. We are committed to successfully supporting students during this transition and thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Durham District School Board